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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON QUITO MFM

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1. GUATEMALAN PRESS COVERAGE OF QUITO MFM HAS BEEN LARGELY LIMITED TO REPORTING STATEMENTS MADE BY FON MIN MOLINA ORANTES AND VICE MIN OBIOLS, WHO BOTH HAVE DEFENDED THE POSITION GUATEMALA TOOK AT QUITO, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CALLING FOR RESTRUCTURING OF THE OAS.

2. THE FONMIN STATED DURING A PRESS INTERVIEW NOVEMBER 15 THAT "IT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED THAT WHAT TOOK PLACE AT QUITO SIGNIFIES A GRAVE DETERIORATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM." MOLINA STRESSED THE CONSULTATIVE NATURE OF THE MEETING AND THE "NEUTRAL" CHARACTER OF GUATEMALA'S VOTE. HE OBSERVED THAT SOME DELEGATIONS AT QUITO HAD ALLOWED "NATIONAL INTERESTS TO PREVAIL OVER THE SENSE OF INTERAMERICAN COOPERATION," A FACT WHICH SHOULD BE

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CONSIDERED IN RESTRUCTURING THE RIO TREATY AND THE OAS

SO AS TO CORRECT UNSPECIFIED "INCONVENIENCES" IN THE
PRESENT INSTRUMENTS.

3. THE FONMIN OPINED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ABSENCE
FROM QUITO DID NOT INDICATE ANY LACK OF U.S. INTEREST IN THE
MEETING BUT RATHER THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE MIDEAST SITUATION.

4. MOLINA DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESSURES FROM THE
ARMY HAD INFLUENCED GUATEMALA'S POSITION.

5. CRITICISM OF THE GUATEMALAN POSITION WAS VOICED BY
MARIO A. CARRERA, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
OF SAN CARLOS' CULTURAL CENTER, WRITING IN THE CULTURAL
SUPPLEMENT OF "LA HORA". HE ASSERTED THAT GUATEMALA'S
VOTE AT QUITO HAD CONFIRMED BEFORE THE WORLD THE COUNTRY'S
"EXTREME RIGHTIST" POSTURE. CARRERA OBSERVED THAT GUATEMALA
NOW IS "MORE PAPIST THAN THE POPE" IN VIEW OF U.S. RELATIONS
WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

6. MORE INDIRECT CRITICISM OF THE QUITO RESULT IS EVIDENCED
BY THE PLAY GIVEN IN 2 PAPERS TO MEXICO'S PROPOSAL
FOR AN INTERAMERICAN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT THE
UNITED STATES. THE SENSATIONALIST PAPER IMPACTO COMMENTED
THAT IF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED "MAYBE
THE DREAM OF THE LIBERATOR SIMON BOLIVAR TO MAKE AN AM-
ERICA TRULY INDEPENDENT WHOSE WEALTH WERE TO BE FOR
LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS WOULD BE REALIZED."
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